

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 25, 2004**

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on October 25, 2004 in Room 830, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Davalos called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Davalos  
Vice President Lesser  
Treasurer Duba  
Commissioner Creary  
Commissioner Gravely  
Commissioner Jernigan  
Commissioner Mummey  
Commissioner Rodriguez

Introduction of the audience followed.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Commissioner Gravely, seconded by Commissioner Creary, and duly carried, with Commissioners Lesser and Mummey abstaining, the minutes of September 27, 2004 were approved with the following correction by Commissioner Creary:

On page 4, under the heading, Health Committee, the second sentence should read....~~she would~~ **her staff would** attend a health fair on October 7, 2004...

(Commissioner Lewis joined the meeting.)

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Davalos reported that she attended the American Heart Association's Corazones Unidos Gala (United Hearts Gala), Las Promotoras community health program, and the Child Death and Severe Injury Review and the Annual Nexus Conferences. From the conferences she distributed video tapes and related materials on "Building a Safer Community." She also attended the opening night ceremony of the new public library located in East Los Angeles and instructed staff to arrange a presentation on youth suicide.

(Commissioner Perkins joined the meeting.)

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Duba reported on the expenditures for the month of September 2004. The beginning balance for September was \$29,494.12; expenditures were \$3,245.16; income was \$98.55; and the ending balance was \$26,347.51. The monthly spending allowance for October 2004 is \$2,927.50. Commission Perkins requested staff to report on expenditures for the current month on future financial reports.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Staff reported the following:

- Commissioners Creary, Duba, Morgan and Rodriguez have each been re-appointed to two year terms expiring August 29, 2006.
- The Board of Supervisors cancelled their December 21 and 28, 2004 meetings.
- The Governor's Conference for Women is December 7, 2004 at the Long Beach Convention Center.
- Staff provided copies of the Health Plan of New York: "Women's Guide to Wellness 2004."

The Commission requested staff to agendize purchasing a table of ten to the Governor's Conference.

### **YWCA'S WOMEN FOR RACIAL JUSTICE BREAKFAST**

On motion of Commissioner Perkins, seconded by Commissioner Creary, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the purchase of one ticket at \$35.00 for Commissioner Gravely to attend the YWCA's Women for Racial Justice Breakfast on October 25, 2004.

### **ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN AWARDS DINNER**

On motion of Vice President Lesser, seconded by Treasurer Duba, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the purchase of two tickets at \$175.00 each for the Annual "Advocate for Children Award" Dinner honoring Supervisor Michael Antonovich on October 28, 2004. President Davalos and Commissioner Gravely expressed interest in attending.

### **5K RUN/WALK PRESENTATIONS**

Treasurer Duba, Chair of the 5K Run/Walk Committee, presented the Certificate of Exchange for Two Round-trip Tickets on Korean Air to the 5k Run/Walk raffle ticket winner Portia Montgomery. Commissioner Creary presented a certificate of

appreciation to Noni Higgins for providing an oil painting for another raffle ticket winner, and presented the oil painting to Lynda Poblete.

### **OUTREACH PROGRAMS TO REDUCE SEXUAL ASSAULTS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES**

Abigail Sims, Training and Education Coordinator for the Los Angeles Commission on Assault Against Women, provided an overview of outreach programs to prevent sexual assaults on college campuses. These programs aim to upgrade campus policies and protocol to prevent relationship violence, sexual violence and stalking. Services to assault victims include Violence Response Teams, Protocol Line of Defense, and a confidentiality program. Education and outreach includes male sensitivity training, distribution of sexual assault prevention brochures, a web-based orientation program for students and a video. The program has been funded for two more years.

President Davalos thanked Ms. Sims for her informative presentation.

### **MID WILSHIRE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COLLABORATIVE**

The funding request was taken off calendar at the request of Commissioner Rodriguez. She also encouraged Commissioners to attend the Mid Wilshire Domestic Violence Collaborative Reception on October 27, 2004. Commissioners Perkins and Creary expressed interest in attending the free event.

### **ACCW QUARTERLY MEETING**

On motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Vice President Lesser, and duly carried, with Commissioner Mummey abstaining, the Commission authorized expenses of \$550 for the Commission delegate to attend the ACCW Quarterly Meeting on November 5, 2004 in San Rafael, Marin County.

### **ANNUAL COMMISSION RETREAT**

On motion of Commissioner Perkins, seconded by Commissioner Creary, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved additional expenses of \$178.11 for the Commission's Annual Retreat to be held today after the meeting at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.

### **UPDATE ON COMMISSION WEBSITE**

Nyla Jefferson, Executive Office and website support, reported that she updated the website with new pictures and current information on membership and the Awards Luncheon. She also reported that the Commission's minutes and agenda will be posted on a general county website with a link to the Commission's website. Discussion

ensued on the cost of converting the Commission's webpage to conform to the County's platform in order to receive ongoing support services. Staff will confer with IT representatives on options and conversion costs, and will report back at a future meeting. Commissioner Perkins expressed interest in serving on a website subcommittee.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Health Committee:** Commissioner Creary reported that the next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. The Committee will discuss the possible closure of the King/Drew Medical Center Trauma Center and her recent trip to the National Minority Health Symposium in Florida on October 8-10, 2004. She plans to submit a report to the Health Committee on huge disparities in health care by race.

**Legislative Committee:** Commissioner Jernigan provided an update on the California Legislature that is currently in recess. The Governor vetoed many of 273 bills sent to him, but signed a bill allowing incarcerated domestic violence victims to have their criminal cases reviewed. She also requested staff to research Measure B.

**Media/Public Relations Committee:** There was no report.

**Domestic Violence Committee:** It is Commissioner Rodriguez's understanding that the Department of Community and Senior Services domestic violence program may be moved to the Department of Public Social Services. This matter may be on the Board of Supervisors November 3, 2004 Agenda, but if it is not she will request that the board deputies provide a status report regarding this matter to the Commission.

President Davalos announced that the Los Angeles City Domestic Violence Task Force sent a thank you letter acknowledging the Commission's \$500 contribution to their reception.

**Older Women's Issues Committee:** Commissioner Mummey conducted a workshop on Women's Legal Rights at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-Life and Older Women's Conference held on October 9, 2004 at Pierce College in Woodland Hills. She also recommended viewing the Board of Supervisors' televised meeting on Wednesday nights on KLCS.

**Ad-hoc Retreat Planning Committee:** Commissioner Gravely reported the Commission's Retreat would be today at noon at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Yvonne LaRose spoke on disparities in health care treatment between the insured and the uninsured.

(Commissioner Becerra-Jones joined the meeting).

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Creary attended Supervisor Burke's Commissioners Recognition Reception on September 30, 2004; the Western Area Links, Inc. Leadership Conference on October 1, 2004; and the Commission on Disabilities Access Awards Luncheon on October 20, 2004. Commissioner Creary announced that she would review the Office of Women's Health video on heart disease at the next Health Committee Meeting.

Commissioner Gravely attended the YWCA's Racial Justice Breakfast this morning.

Commissioner Lewis participated in the "International Day of Caring" in which Albertsons associates paint, repair and clean up children's homes.

Commissioner Rodriguez attended the Domestic Violence Task Force Awards Presentation on October 1, 2004; the Glendale Commission on the Status of Women Meeting on October 11, 2004; the Shelter Directors Meeting on October 19, 2004; the Child Death and Severe Injury Review on October 21, 2004; and the Violence within the Home Program on October 21, 2004.

Commissioner Becerra-Jones reported on statistics and publications related to domestic violence. She also announced she is working on an oral hygiene program for the City of Inglewood and that the Office of Women's Health submitted an application for the Commission to be a community partner in addressing women's heart disease.

Commissioner Perkins attended the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Dinner of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition and the Black Women's Network Breakfast on October 23, 2004.

Commissioner Mummey attended the Commission on Disabilities Annual Access Awards Luncheon on October 20, 2004 at the Music Center.

Commissioner Jernigan announced that she had been visiting college and high school campuses speaking about registering to vote. She also announced that the Consul General of the Republic of Turkey is hosting a reception on October 29, 2004.

Commissioner Duba announced the wrap-up meeting for the 5K Run/Walk on November 8, 2004 at 12:30 p.m. and that she is completing her internship with Parks & Recreation in Antelope Valley by working at a senior community center.

Vice President Lesser announced that the Heart Ball will be held at the Biltmore Hotel on February 12, 2005 and that she will be an inspector at the November 2, 2004

election. She also reported on her attendance at the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce Women in Business Annual Tea on October 22, 2004.

**MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA:** There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Commission adjourned at 12:08 p.m. in the memory of the sister of Commissioner Jernigan and the mother of Vice President Lesser.

## **ATTENDANCE**

### **COMMISSIONERS**

Karin Davalos, President  
Charlotte Lesser, Vice President  
Reiko Duba, Treasurer  
Yolanda Becerra-Jones  
Ruth Creary, Ph.D  
Wadie Gravely  
Ruth Jernigan  
Bonnie J. Lewis  
Janet Mummey, Esq.  
Barbara Perkins  
Olivia Rodriguez

### **EXCUSED**

Lila Morgan

### **COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES**

Executive Office Staff: Khanh Nguyen, Eugene Romig, Steve Erickson, Nyla Jefferson, Gabriel Alexander, Audra Galang, and Vera Orloff

### **GUESTS**

Noni Higgins  
Yvonne La Rose  
Portia Montgomery  
Lynda Poblete  
Abigail Sims, Los Angeles Commission on Assaults Against Women